

The Identity of Two Insects, each Described by Ashmead as *Megastigmus flavipes* (Hym.).

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In 1886 Ashmead described *Megastigmus flavipes* (Transactions of the American Entomological Society; v. 13: p. 128). In the United States National Museum there remains the pin on which the type was originally mounted, glued to a pasteboard triangle. Only the hind legs and one front wing remain. The stigmal club is large, very dark colored, and appears to be surrounded by a narrow clearly defined cloud. These characters prove it to be a true *Megastigmus*.

In 1888 Dr. Ashmead described another insect under the same name, *Megastigmus flavipes*. (In Bulletin 3, Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station: p. III). Through the kindness of Professors T. J. Headlee and G. A. Dean, I have been able to examine the type of this species. It is a male *Torymus*. In transferring it to that genus, we find the name *Torymus flavipes* preoccupied by *Callimome flavipes* Walker (Entomological Magazine; v. 1: p. 124. 1833) also a true *Torymus*. It, therefore, becomes necessary to change the name of Ashmead's species, and as the original description was very inadequate, I have drawn up the following:

***Torymus abortus* new name.**

1888 *Megastigmus flavipes* Ashmead. Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station Bulletin 3: p. III.

Not *Megastigmus flavipes* Ashmead. Transactions of the American Entomological Society; v. 13: p. 128. 1886.

Not *Callimome* [= *Torymus*] *flavipes* Walker. Entomological Magazine; v. 1: p. 124. 1833.

Male.—Length, 1.5 mm. Head and thorax metallic greenish blue. Front and face finely reticulate-punctate, vertex becoming delicately transversely rugulose. Antennae dusky. Posteriorly on the thorax and on the pleurae a brownish ground-color shows through the green. Dorsum of thorax finely and densely pustulate; no transverse stria on scutellum. Propodeum not in a position for study. Pleurae and coxae brownish with greenish metallic reflections. Abdomen dark brown with aeneous reflections.

Front and middle legs pale yellow; hind femora and tibiae broadly infusate. Wings hyaline.